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# FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

## AUSTRALIA.

### SYDNEY—Examination of Rats for Plague Infection.

The following information was taken from bulletins issued by the department of health of New South Wales:

During the month of February, 1911, there were destroyed 5,580 rats, of which 1,745 were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rats were found.

## CANADA.

### FORT WILLIAM—Smallpox Outbreak.

The American consul general at Winnipeg reported April 6 an outbreak of smallpox at Fort William, Ontario, which is assuming epidemic form.

## CHINA.

### AMOY—Plague in Vicinity.

Acting Asst. Surg. Bonthius reports February 27 the appearance of plague in the vicinity of Amoy.

### HARBIN—Status of Plague—Plague Conference.

Consul Greene reports March 7:

During the week ended March 4, the mortality from plague in Harbin and Fuchiatien continued to show a decline, the average number of deaths per day being 7.1 in Harbin and 1.8 in Fuchiatien, as compared with 11.9 and 8.7, respectively, in the previous week. On March 5 there were no deaths in Fuchiatien, and no plague cases were left in the hospitals.

The deaths for the week according to the Chinese and Russian official returns were as follows:

	Feb. 26 to Mar. 4, 1911.	Total since beginning Nov. 8, 1910.
Harbin.....	139	21,508
Bodies found outside city.....	11	.....
Fuchiatien.....	13	5,146
Total.....	63	6,654

1 3 Europeans.

2 40 Europeans.

This is the corrected total according to the Chinese official figures. A large number of infected houses have already been burned by the Chinese authorities. The number of bodies burned at Fuchiatien up to February 22, 1911, was 4,606.